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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 7810.116-304	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US03/01063	International filing date (day/month/year) 29/01/2003	Priority date (day/month/year) 16/04/2002
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G09C1/42		
Applicant IMERYS PIGMENTS, INC. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This **REPORT** consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consists of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☐ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn up on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*)

☒ the international application as originally filed

☐ the description, pages

, as originally filed

pages

, filed with the demand

pages

, filed with the letter of

☐ the claims, Nos.

, as originally filed

Nos.

, as amended under Article 19

Nos.

, filed with the demand

Nos.

, filed with the letter of

☐ the drawings, sheets / fig.

, as originally filed

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages:

☐ the claims, Nos.

☐ the drawings, sheets / fig.

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2 (c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☒ the entire international application,
☐ claims Nos.

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the claims
relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international
preliminary examination
(specify):

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Claims 28-36 are defined by using parameters which were ~~deemed~~ ^{deemed} unclear by the ~~Some~~ ^{Searched} Authority and which were not ~~generated~~ ^{generated} by said Authority.

- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or
said claims are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed
(specify):
(as above)

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- ☐ the claims, or said claims are so inadequately supported by the description
no meaningful opinion could be formed.

Nos.

- ☒ no international search report has been established for claims

Nos. 1-27 and 37-39